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TO AMEMBASSY NICOSIA FLASH

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SUBJECT:ATTACK ON EMBASSY

1. CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT WITHIN HOUR OF RECEIVING MESSAGE FROM EUR ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER, TO SAY HE HAS JUST SPOKEN TO CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES, WHO WISHED TO ASSURE SECRETARY THAT SITUATION IN NICOSIA WAS NOW CCALM, THAT US EMBASSY WAS BEING PROTECTED BY CYPRIOT POLICE AND NATIONAL GUARD, AND THAT CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER DAMAGE. CHRISTOPHIDES WISHED TO CONVEY TO SECRETARY "GREAT REGRET" FOR WHAT HAD OCCURRED AND SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH PRESIDENT MAKARIOS, WHO ALSO SHARED HIS FEELINGS AND HAD ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE BE DONE TO PROTECT US PROPERTY AND CITIZENS. DIMITRIOU SAID CHRISTOPHIDES WOULD BE CALLING CHARGE BROWN TO OFFER SIMILAR ASSURANCES AND ASK WHAT ADDITIONAL ACTION CYPRIOT

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GOVERNMENT COULD TAKE TO ASSIST EMBASSY.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICER (LEDSKY) THANKED AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU FOR SPEED WITH WHICH HE HAD BROUGHT SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO ATTENTION OF CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT, BUT NOTED THAT REAL PROBLEM, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY TELEPHONE REPORTS

WAS THAT FURTHER MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE BEING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JAN 20, AND THAT THEY COULD BE NASTIER THAN THOSE WE HAD EXPERIENCED TODAY. DIMITRIOU SAID HE WOULD CONVEY INFORMATION ABOUT FUTURE PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS TO FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN HE TALKED TO HIM BY TELEPHONE LATER TODAY, BUT ASKED THAT CHARGE BROWN GIVE WHATEVER INFORMATION HE HAD ON THIS SUBJECT DIRECTLY TO CHRISTOPHEDIS.

3. DIMITRIOU SAID HE HAD ALSO PASSED SECRETARY'S MESSAGE DIRECTLY TO CLERIDES, WHO ASKED TO BE KEPT APPRISED OF THE SITUATION. KISSINGER

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